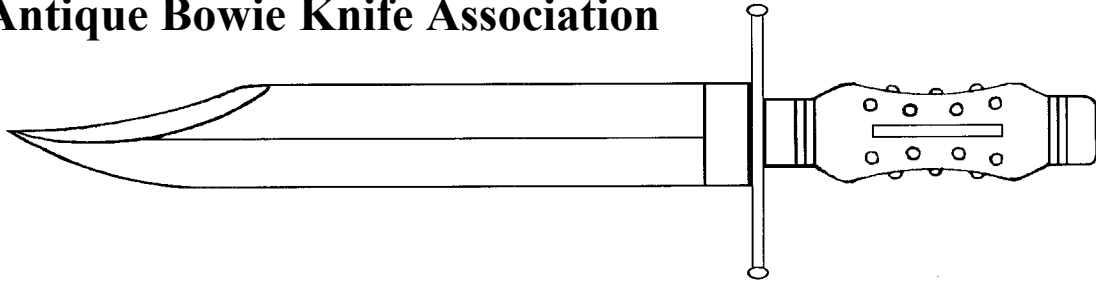


Antique Bowie Knife Association



Dedicated to the collecting, study and preservation of Antique Bowie Knives

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Date of Application _____

Name (Print) _____ Approx Age _____

Home Address (Street) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work or Cell) _____

Occupation _____

Cutlery Fields of Interest: Collector Author Dealer Other _____

I belong to the following knife or arms organizations _____

I have authored articles that appeared in these publications _____

I am acquainted with the following ABKA members _____

I will support all objectives of the Antique Bowie Knife Association as outlined on this form and all provisions of the ABKA constitution. I am at least 21 years of age, have never been convicted of a felony and am interested in the collecting, preservation and study of antique Bowie type knives. I have reviewed the objectives, qualifications and procedures for candidates on page two of this application.

I understand that if my application for membership is approved, I will receive an invitation to join.

When completed, mail to Josh Phillips, 3649 Dairy Road, Christiansburg, VA 24073

Objectives:

(1) To establish a permanent national organization to promote friendship for those interested in the collecting, study and preservation of antique Bowie type knives; (2) to make a firm and vigorous stand in opposing legislation which may be injurious to the possession and collecting of antique Bowie knives by responsible collectors; (3) to establish regular meetings where (a) the business of the association may be transacted, (b) members may assist each other in locating and securing items of the type which interest them, (c) members may display pieces from their collections for the education and pleasure of other members, and (d) talks and discussions will be held on antique Bowie type knives and appropriate subjects; (4) to promote and uphold the highest standards of action against any faking or misrepresentation of antique Bowie type knives and accessories and (5) to encourage research for information about antique Bowie type knives, and the publication of all such information.

Qualifications:

The prospective member should have some of the following qualifications: (1) a keen interest to learn more about antique Bowie type knives; (2) possess a store of knowledge that he is willing to pass on to other members; (3) should be qualified for organizational ability and leadership; and (4) should express a willingness to participate actively in meetings; i.e. display items from his/her collection, and speak on subjects pertaining to antique Bowie knife collecting, and be willing to contribute educational papers, photographs and constructive critique to the organizations quarterly publication.

Procedures for Candidates:

(1) All properly submitted candidates will be voted on by the Membership Committee at the next subsequent meeting or the Secretary may obtain this vote by mail if so desired; (2) if passed by the Membership Committee, the candidate's name will then be sent by mail to the membership at large for comment; (3) if no adverse comment is received in 30 days, the Secretary will automatically send the new candidate an invitation to become a member. The candidate may be asked to provide additional required information; (4) if one or more letters of objection are received by the Secretary, the name of the candidate will be held for the next Membership Committee meeting. The candidate will again be reviewed by the Membership Committee, carefully weighing the objections received, and another vote will be taken. This action by the Membership Committee will be final. The Secretary will advise the applicant if his/her application was not approved; (5) a potential member who has been invited to join the Association shall have 30 days to accept, after which time the invitation will be considered withdrawn; and (6) an individual who had been rejected for membership may reapply after a period of one year.